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North Hills Man Charged with Roommate's Murder

A North Hills man was charged today with the murder of his female roommate, whose body was discovered by police on Monday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Mario Rene Villalobos (dob 10/23/56) is scheduled to be arraigned after 1:30 p.m. today at the San Fernando Branch of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Department S. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$1 million.

Villalobos is charged in case PA083471 with murdering Cassandra Silagyi, 48, on or about May 1. The two had been sharing an apartment for about a month. LAPD officers contacted Villalobos on Monday at his apartment after receiving a tip he might be trying to dispose of a body.

Deputy District Attorney Nathan Bartos is prosecuting the case.

If convicted, Villalobos faces 25 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.